

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) An information recording apparatus comprising:

a recording device for recording record information onto an information recording medium, in which a recording speed can be changed to at least first and second linear velocities and which supports the first and second linear velocities, by irradiating laser light with a variable recording power;

a measuring device for measuring reproduction quality of the record information by reproducing the record information recorded at the first linear velocity, upon the recording speed being changed from the first linear velocity to the second linear velocity;

a first calculating device for calculating a link power, the link power ~~being corresponding to the variable recording power, the variable recording power gives used to calculate the reproduction quality via said measuring device in the second linear velocity, the reproduction quality measured by said measuring device,~~ on the basis of correlation information for representing a correlation between the variable recording

power in the second linear velocity and the reproduction quality related to the record information; and

an adjusting device for adjusting the variable recording power, by a predetermined adjustment amount at a time in stages or in a predetermined change rate in continuity, such that the variable recording power changes from the link power to a reference power which is the variable recording power which gives a desired target quality as the reproduction quality and thereby the reproduction quality of the record information gradually or stepwisely changes from the reproduction quality measured by said measuring device to the desired target quality, upon the recording speed being changed from the first linear velocity to the second linear velocity.

2. (original) The information recording apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said measuring device measures the reproduction quality by reproducing the record information recorded immediately before the recording speed is changed from the first linear velocity to the second linear velocity.

3. (original) The information recording apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the predetermined adjustment amount or the predetermined change rate is variable.

4. (currently amended) The information recording apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said adjusting device adjusts the variable recording power such that the variable recording power changes to the reference power if a difference between the link power and the reference power is equal to or less than a predetermined amount.

5. (currently amended) The information recording apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a second calculating device for preparing the correlation information and for calculating the reference power, by reproducing test information which is the record information recorded for test by said recording device while the variable recording power is changed.

6. (original) The information recording apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the reproduction quality includes at least one of an asymmetry value, a jitter value and a reproduction error rate.

7. (original) The information recording apparatus according to claim 5, further comprising a controlling device for controlling said recording device to record at least one of the correlation information prepared by said second calculating device and information as for the reference power calculated by

said second calculating device, onto said information recording medium.

8. (currently amended) An information recording method in an information recording apparatus comprising: a recording device for recording record information onto an information recording medium, in which a recording speed can be changed to at least first and second linear velocities and which supports the first and second linear velocities, by irradiating laser light with a variable recording power,

said information recording method comprising:

a measuring process of measuring reproduction quality of the record information by reproducing the record information recorded at the first linear velocity, upon the recording speed being changed from the first linear velocity to the second linear velocity;

a first calculating process of calculating a link power, the link power ~~being~~ corresponding to the variable recording power, the variable recording power used to calculate ~~gives the reproduction quality measured at said measuring process~~ in the second linear velocity, ~~the reproduction quality measured at said measuring process,~~ on the basis of correlation information for representing a correlation between the variable recording power in the second linear velocity and the reproduction quality related to the record information; and

an adjusting process of adjusting the variable recording power, by a predetermined adjustment amount at a time in stages or in a predetermined change rate in continuity, such that the variable recording power changes from the link power to a reference power which is the variable recording power which gives a desired target quality as the reproduction quality and thereby the reproduction quality of the record information gradually or stepwisely changes from the reproduction quality measured by said measuring device to the desired target quality, upon the recording speed being changed from the first linear velocity to the second linear velocity.

9. (currently amended) A computer readable storage medium with a computer program recorded thereon for tangibly embodying a program of instructions ~~executable~~ executed by a computer provided in ~~the~~ an information recording apparatus, to make the computer function as at least one portion of a first calculating device, a measuring device and an adjusting device,

said information recording apparatus comprising:

a ~~said~~ recording device for recording record information onto an information recording medium, in which a recording speed can be changed to at least first and second linear velocities and which supports the first and second linear velocities, by irradiating laser light with a variable recording power;

said measuring device for measuring reproduction quality of the record information by reproducing the record information recorded at the first linear velocity, upon the recording speed being changed from the first linear velocity to the second linear velocity;

said first calculating device for calculating a link power, the link power ~~being corresponding to the variable recording power, the variable recording power gives used to calculate the reproduction quality via said measuring device in the second linear velocity, the reproduction quality measured by said measuring device,~~ on the basis of correlation information for representing a correlation between the recording power in the second linear velocity and the reproduction quality related to the record information; and

said adjusting device for adjusting the variable recording power, by a predetermined adjustment amount at a time in stages or in a predetermined change rate in continuity, such that the variable recording power changes from the link power to a reference power which is the variable recording power which gives a desired target quality as the reproduction quality and thereby the reproduction quality of the record information gradually or stepwisely changes from the reproduction quality measured by said measuring device to the desired target quality, upon the recording speed being changed from the first linear velocity to the second linear velocity.